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(i) Need to develop Bundi town in Rajasthan as tourist resort

[Translation]

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Bundi is a historic town of Rajasthan. Its Bundi are well known all over the world,. Painting of Bundi is appreciated throughout the world. The state Government have made effort to attract tourists through publicity but the Tourism Department of Government of India has not paid adequate attention towards this. Bundi has tourist Potential and if Central Government pays full attention towards it, Bundi can emerge on the tourist map of the country within no time. This will help in providing employment to the people and also remove backwardness from this area.

I, therefore, request the Union Government to develop Bundi as a tourist resort without any delay.

[English]

(ii) Need for completion of Survey work of Bhavnagar-Surendranagar broad Gauge line

SHRI RAJU RANA (Bhavanagar) : The survey work of Bhavnagar-Surendrangar broad gauge line was to be completed in June, 1966. But it has not been completed so far. Bhanagar is demanding a broad gauge line since last 40-45 years. The industrial growth is mostly depending on laying of broad gauge line. It is just 80 Kms of broad gauge line is to be installed. Along with ship breaking industry, re-rolling mills, plastic industry and so many other industries can be developed fast, if this broad gauge line is laid. For, transportation of goods through trains in the metre gauge line is costly because the shifting of goods from metre gauge line to broad gauge line is not a profitable business. So, through you, Sir, I request the Government to complete the survey work earliest and start the work immediately.

(iii) Need to provide financial assistance to Tamil Nadu to solve the problem of drinking water in Dindigul District

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (Dindigul) : Sir, Dindigual Mannar Thirumalai district is the headquarters of my Parliamentary Constituency. Dindigul alongwith the Assembly segments of Usilam Patti and Panchayat Union of Attur and Inlakottai Constitutencies are facing acute water problems for the past several months.

The problem is so severe that water is given once in five days that too in small quantum in Dindigul. As there in no sufficient groundwater and the available water is saltry and contaminated because of the flow of waste of leather industry, the water is unfit for human consumption. Presently water is given from Kamaraja Sagar in Peranal to Dindigul Town. The only remedy is to get water from Vaigai dam and through pipelines to provide regular water supply.

I appeal to the Minister of Water Resources to either arange for special grants from internatinonal agencies or from the Central Pool to solve this problem.

(iv) Need to improve the working of the National Saving Scheme

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (Kottayam) : Sir, the interest rate in Banks has been revised twice during the last year. The Reserve bank has permitted the Banks to fix the rate of interest on their deposits by themselves. Accordingly, most of the Banks including Co-operative banks have raised the interest rate for deposits. But no corresponding revision is affected in the National Savings Scheme. Due to this, a heavy drop is being experienced in the National Savings collection, especially in short terme and long term deposits where the difference is much.

Now the National Savings Agents are experiencing a difficulty in canvassing for their deposits. Previously the agents were permitted to handle receipts worth Rs.2 lakh at a time. Now these agents are permitted to handle Rs.5,000/- at a time. This affects the National Savings collection adversely.

(v) Need for an electronic Telephone Exchange at Saidpur in Ghazipur district, U.P.

[Translation]

SHRI VIDYASAGAR SONKAR (Saidpur) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, my constituency falls under Ghazipur district. It is situated in the middle of Ghazipur and Varanasi. This is a big Commercial Centre. Telephone system is faulty here. In case a businessmen tries to contact some one on his personal telephone, he is unable to contact him but if he contacts through P.C.O. he gets the call immediately. The businessmen and people at large are facing a difficult situation.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Communications to get the Saidpur Exchange converted into electronic exchange and also issue instruction to enhance its capacity.

[English]

(vi) Need for improvement of shipping Services between mainland and Inter islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) : Sir, sipping is the lifeline of Andaman